

IC 25-23.6

ARTICLE 23.6. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

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Chapter 1. Definitions

IC 25-23.6-1-1

Application of definitions

Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9.

IC 25-23.6-1-1.5

"Appraisal"

Sec. 1.5. "Appraisal" means the use or administration of career and occupational instruments, adaptive behavioral and symptoms screening checklists, and inventories of interests and preferences that are administered for the purpose of counseling persons to cope with or adapt to changing life situations that are due to problems in living. The term includes the use of marital, relational, communicational, parent and child, and family systems assessment instruments. The term does not include the use of restricted psychology tests or instruments as described in IC 25-33-1-2(1).

As added by P.L.147-1997, SEC.12.

IC 25-23.6-1-2

"Board"

Sec. 2. "Board" refers to the social worker, marriage and family therapist, and mental health counselor board.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.13.

IC 25-23.6-1-2.5

"Bureau"

Sec. 2.5. "Bureau" refers to the health professions bureau.

As added by P.L.147-1997, SEC.14.

IC 25-23.6-1-3

"Clinical social worker"

Sec. 3. "Clinical social worker" means an individual who is licensed under this article.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.15.

IC 25-23.6-1-3.3

"Clinical social work experience"

Sec. 3.3. "Clinical social work experience" means a period of time during which an applicant provides clinical services, including evaluation and treatment of clients, in which at least fifty percent

(50%) of the time consists of providing counseling services directly to clients.

As added by P.L.147-1997, SEC.16.

IC 25-23.6-1-3.6

"Counseling"

Sec. 3.6. "Counseling" means techniques used to help individuals learn how to solve problems and make decisions related to personal growth, vocational, family, social, and other interpersonal concerns.

As added by P.L.147-1997, SEC.17.

IC 25-23.6-1-3.8

"Counselor"

Sec. 3.8. Except as provided in IC 25-23.6-7-5, as used in this chapter, "counselor" refers to a social worker, clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or a mental health counselor who is licensed under this article.

As added by P.L.147-1997, SEC.18.

IC 25-23.6-1-3.9

"Governmental employee"

Sec. 3.9. "Governmental employee" means an individual employed by the office of the secretary of family and social services, the division of family and children, the division of mental health and addiction, the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services, the department of correction, or the state department of health in one (1) of the following classifications:

- (1) 2AA3 Behavioral clinician 3.
- (2) 2AA4 Behavioral clinician 4.
- (3) 2AA5 Clinical associate 5.
- (4) 2FL1 Mental health administrator 1.
- (5) 2FL2 Mental health administrator 2.
- (6) 2FL3 Mental health administrator 3.
- (7) 2AN3 Substance abuse counselor 3.
- (8) 2AN4 Substance abuse counselor 4.
- (9) 2AN5 Substance abuse counselor 5.
- (10) 2AH2 Social services specialist 2.
- (11) 2AH3 Social services specialist 3.
- (12) 2AH4 Social services specialist 4.
- (13) 2AI1 Psychiatric services director 1.
- (14) 2AE2 Psychiatric social services specialist 2.
- (15) 2AE3 Psychiatric social services specialist 3.

As added by P.L.244-1999, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.215-2001, SEC.99.

IC 25-23.6-1-4

"Institution of higher education"

Sec. 4. "Institution of higher education" means a university or college that:

- (1) awards a bachelor's or higher degree;

(2) is located in the United States; and
(3) is accredited by a regional accrediting body.
As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.33-1993, SEC.34.

IC 25-23.6-1-4.8

"Licensed social worker"

Sec. 4.8. "Licensed social worker" means an individual who is licensed under this article.

As added by P.L.147-1997, SEC.19.

IC 25-23.6-1-5

"Marriage and family therapist"

Sec. 5. "Marriage and family therapist" means an individual who is licensed under this article.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.20.

IC 25-23.6-1-5.5

"Mental health counselor"

Sec. 5.5. "Mental health counselor" means an individual licensed under this article.

As added by P.L.147-1997, SEC.21.

IC 25-23.6-1-6

"Practice of clinical social work"

Sec. 6. (a) "Practice of clinical social work" means professional services that are designed to help individuals, marriages, couples, families, groups, and communities to enhance or restore their capacity for functioning by:

- (1) assisting in the obtaining or improving of tangible social and health services;
- (2) providing psychosocial evaluations using accepted classifications, including classifications from the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV) as amended and supplemented, but only to the extent of the counselor's education, training, experience, and scope of practice as established by this article;
- (3) using appraisal instruments as an aid in treatment planning that the clinical social worker is qualified to employ by virtue of the counselor's education, training, and experience; and
- (4) counseling and psychotherapeutic techniques, casework social work advocacy, and treatment in a variety of settings that include mental and physical health facilities, child and family service agencies, or private practice.

(b) The term does not include diagnosis (as defined in IC 25-22.5-1-1.1(c)).

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.22.

IC 25-23.6-1-7

"Practice of marriage and family therapy"

Sec. 7. "Practice of marriage and family therapy" means a specialty that:

- (1) uses an applied understanding of the dynamics of marital, relational, and family systems, and individual psychodynamics;
- (2) uses counseling and psychotherapeutic techniques;
- (3) evaluates and treats mental and emotional conditions, resolves intrapersonal and interpersonal conflict, and changes perceptions, attitudes, and behavior, all within the context of family, marital, and relational systems, including the use of accepted evaluation classifications, including classifications from the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV) as amended and supplemented, but only to the extent of the counselor's education, training, experience, and scope of practice as established by this article;
- (4) uses individual, group, couple, sexual, family, and divorce therapy; and
- (5) uses appraisal instruments that evaluate individual, marital, relational, communicational, parent and child, and family functioning that the marriage and family therapist is qualified to employ by virtue of the counselor's education, training, and experience.

The term does not include diagnosis (as defined in IC 25-22.5-1-1.1(c)).

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.23.

IC 25-23.6-1-7.5

"Practice of mental health counseling"

Sec. 7.5. "Practice of mental health counseling" means a specialty that:

- (1) uses counseling and psychotherapeutic techniques based on principles, methods, and procedures of counseling that assist people in identifying and resolving personal, social, vocational, intrapersonal, and interpersonal concerns;
- (2) uses counseling to evaluate and treat emotional and mental problems and conditions in a variety of settings, including mental and physical health facilities, child and family service agencies, or private practice, and including the use of accepted evaluation classifications, including classifications from the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV) as amended and supplemented, but only to the extent of the counselor's education, training, experience, and scope of practice as established by this article;
- (3) administers and interprets appraisal instruments that the mental health counselor is qualified to employ by virtue of the counselor's education, training, and experience;

- (4) uses information and community resources for personal, social, or vocational development;
- (5) uses individual and group techniques for facilitating problem solving, decision making, and behavioral change;
- (6) uses functional assessment and vocational planning guidance for persons requesting assistance in adjustment to a disability or disabling condition;
- (7) uses referrals for individuals who request counseling services; and
- (8) uses and interprets counseling research.

The term does not include diagnosis (as defined in IC 25-22.5-1-1.1(c)).

As added by P.L.147-1997, SEC.24.

IC 25-23.6-1-8

"Practice of social work"

Sec. 8. (a) "Practice of social work" means professional services that are designed to effect change in human behavior, emotional responses, and social conditions of individuals, couples, families, groups, and communities and that involve specialized knowledge and skill related to human development, including an understanding of unconscious motivation, the potential for human growth, the availability of social resources, and knowledge of social systems. The term includes planning, administration, and research for community social services delivery systems.

(b) The term does not include the use of psychotherapy or diagnosis (as defined in IC 25-22.5-1-1.1(c)).

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.25.

IC 25-23.6-1-9

"Psychotherapy"

Sec. 9. "Psychotherapy" means the assessing and treating of mental and emotional disorders by any of the various means of communication between the social worker practitioner and the client.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9.

IC 25-23.6-1-10

"Social worker"

Sec. 10. "Social worker" means an individual who graduates from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.26.

IC 25-23.6-1-11

"Social work experience"

Sec. 11. "Social work experience" means a period of time during which an applicant provides social worker services, including assessment and evaluation of clients, in which at least fifty percent (50%) of the time consists of providing services directly to clients.

As added by P.L.147-1997, SEC.27.